

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A multilayer planar or tubular sausage casing, comprising:  
a layered structure having an inside and an outside and at least seven layers,  
wherein  
a first layer from the outside comprises polyamide as a layer constituent,  
a second layer from the outside comprises polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) as a layer  
constituent,  
a third layer from the outside comprises polyamide as a layer constituent,  
a fourth layer from the outside comprises an adhesion promoter as a layer  
constituent,  
a fifth layer from the outside comprises a polyolefin as a layer constituent,  
a sixth layer from the outside comprises an adhesion promoter as a layer  
constituent, and  
a seventh layer from the outside comprises polyamide as a layer constituent.

~~Multilayer planar or tubular food casing or film for food packagings such as, e.g., sausage casings, shrink bags etc., characterized by a layered structure having at least five, preferably at least seven layers, with one of the at least five layers containing PVA as a layer constituent, and wherein the layer containing PVA is embedded between two layers containing polyamide as a layer constituent.~~

12. (Currently Amended) A multilayer tubular or film sausage casing, comprising:

a layered structure having an inside and an outside and at least seven layers,

wherein

a first layer from the outside comprises polyamide as a layer constituent,

a second layer from the outside comprises an adhesion promoter as a layer constituent,

a third layer from the outside comprises polyamide as a layer constituent,

a fourth layer from the outside comprises PVA as a layer constituent,

a fifth layer from the outside comprises polyamide as a layer constituent,

a sixth layer from the outside comprises an adhesion promoter as a layer constituent, and

a seventh layer from the outside comprises polyamide as a layer constituent.

~~Multilayer tubular food casing or film for sausage casings, characterized by a layered structure having at least five, preferably at least seven layers, with one of the at least five layers containing PVA as a layer constituent, and having the following layered structure when counted from the outside to the inside:~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ a)~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ the first layer from the outside contains polyamide as a layer constituent,~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ the second layer from the outside contains PVA as a layer constituent,~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ the third layer from the outside contains an adhesion promoter as a layer constituent,~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ the fourth layer from the outside contains a polyolefin, preferably polyethylene, as a layer constituent,~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ the fifth layer from the outside contains an adhesion promoter as a layer constituent, and~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ the sixth layer from the outside contains polyamide as a layer constituent,~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ or b)

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ the first layer from the outside contains polyamide as a layer constituent,

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ the second layer from the outside contains PVA as a layer constituent,

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ the third layer from the outside contains polyamide as a layer constituent,

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ the fourth layer from the outside contains an adhesion promoter as a layer constituent,

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ the fifth layer from the outside contains a polyolefin, preferably polyethylene, as a layer constituent,

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ the sixth layer from the outside contains an adhesion promoter as a layer constituent, and

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ the seventh layer from the outside contains polyamide as a layer constituent,

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ or c)

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ the first layer from the outside contains polyamide as a layer constituent,

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ the second layer from the outside contains an adhesion promoter as a layer constituent,

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ the third layer from the outside contains polyamide as a layer constituent,

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ the fourth layer from the outside contains PVA as a layer constituent,

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ the fifth layer from the outside contains polyamide as a layer constituent,

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ the sixth layer from the outside contains an adhesion promoter as a layer constituent, and

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ the seventh layer from the outside contains polyamide as a layer constituent.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The multilayer planar or tubular sausage casing of claim 11, wherein the a fifth layer from the outside further comprises at least one polyolefin selected from the group consisting of polyethylene (PE), polypropylene, ethyl vinyl alcohol (EVA), ethylene methyl (meth) acrylate (EM(M)A), and ionomers.

~~Food casing or film for food packagings in accordance with Claim 11, characterized in that layers containing a polyolefin, preferably polypropylene, as a layer constituent alternatively also contain additional polyolefins, polypropylene, EVA (ethyl vinyl alcohol), EM(M)A, ionomers, or mixtures of these, etc.~~

15. (Currently Amended) ~~Food casing or film for food packagings in accordance with Claim 11, characterized in that~~ The multilayer planar or tubular sausage casing of claim 11, wherein the adhesion promoter comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of PE, EVA, EM(M)A, and ionomer ~~layers containing an adhesion promoter include an adhesion promoter based on PE, EVA, EM(M)A or an ionomer as a base material.~~

16. (Currently Amended) ~~Food casing or film for food packagings in accordance with Claim 11, characterized in that~~ The multilayer planar or tubular sausage casing of claim 11, wherein layers including an adhesion promoter as a constituent alternatively contain further comprise a mixture of polyolefin and adhesion promoter or a mixture of EVA and/or EM(M)A and adhesion promoter.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~Food casing or film for food packagings in accordance with Claim 11, characterized in that~~ The multilayer planar or tubular sausage casing of claim 11, wherein layers including PVA as a layer constituent alternatively contain further comprise MXD6 (modified polyamide 6).

18. (Currently Amended) ~~Food casing or film for food packagings in accordance with Claim 11, characterized in that~~ The multilayer planar or tubular sausage casing of claim

11, wherein layers including polyamide as a layer constituent ~~alternatively contain~~ further comprise an ionomer.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~Food casing or film for food packagings in accordance with Claim 11, characterized in that~~ The multilayer planar or tubular sausage casing of claim 11, wherein layers including polyamide as a layer constituent ~~alternatively contain~~ further comprise MXD6.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~Food casing or film for food packagings in accordance with Claim 11, characterized in that~~ The multilayer planar or tubular sausage casing of claim 11, wherein layers including polyamide as a layer constituent ~~contain~~ further comprise at least one compound selected from the group consisting of polycaprolactame (PA 6), polyhexamethylene adipinamide (PA 66), PA 6/66, PA 11, and PA 12. ~~PA 12, or mixtures of these polyamides, etc. polyamides.~~

21. (New) The multilayer planar or tubular sausage casing of claim 12, further comprising at least one polyolefin selected from the group consisting of polyethylene (PE), polypropylene, ethyl vinyl alcohol (EVA), ethylene methyl (meth) acrylate (EM(M)A), and ionomers.

22. (New) The multilayer planar or tubular sausage casing of claim 12, wherein the adhesion promoter comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of PE, EVA, EM(M)A, and ionomer.

23. (New) The multilayer planar or tubular sausage casing of claim 12, wherein layers including an adhesion promoter as a constituent further comprise a mixture of polyolefin and adhesion promoter or a mixture of EVA and/or EM(M)A and adhesion promoter.

24. (New) The multilayer planar or tubular sausage casing of claim 12, wherein layers including PVA as a layer constituent further comprise MXD6 (modified polyamide 6).

25. (New) The multilayer planar or tubular sausage casing of claim 12, wherein layers including polyamide as a layer constituent further comprise an ionomer.

26. (New) The multilayer planar or tubular sausage casing of claim 12, wherein layers including polyamide as a layer constituent further comprise MXD6.

27. (New) The multilayer planar or tubular sausage casing of claim 12, wherein layers including polyamide as a layer constituent further comprise at least one compound selected from the group consisting of polycaprolactame (PA 6), polyhexamethylene adipinamide (PA 66), PA 6/66, PA 11, and PA 12.